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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Lawrence Spivak

In the course of a telephone conversation with Admiral Paborn, who is on the West Coast, the Admiral asked that I contact Lawrence Spivak to make the point that during the forthcoming 17 July "Meet the Press" program, the Admiral will be bound by terms of a secrecy oath and will be unable to talk specifically about any individual clandestine operation. He hopes that the program will be interesting and useful, but that Spivak and Meet the Press principals should be aware of this now so that they can revise plans for his appearance if they deem this necessary.

I talked with Spivak, who was entirely understanding. He said that there may be a question or two which the Admiral will have to duck on grounds of secrecy, but that in general, responsible journalists are fully aware what they can and cannot justifiably ask. He urged me to tell the Admiral he need not worry about this; that it will not be troublesome.

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